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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am sorry you disagree with our presentation of your FOI lawsuit in the Summer issue of our magazine.

For this story, as in the others in our magazine dealing with court decisions, we examined the pleadings filed in the case. Since we have limited space, we necessarily must choose those parts of the record which we think are of greatest significance to our readers, while still providing an accurate presentation of the case.

We do not, as a matter of policy, attempt to provide extensive editorial "interpretation" of the cases we report. However, given the large number of FOI lawsuits currently pending, I think it is fair to say that the fact that we included your case in our magazine indicates that we share your belief that your case is significant.

Thank you for your comments. I will be happy to answer any other specific questions you might have.

Very truly yours,

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